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(To be used within a few days at our discussions with the Exec., ORE, and General Counsel when drafting the DCI reply to State)

*Dear Mr. Well:*

*Argon Kuan* 1. CIA and the DCI were established by the National Security Act of 1947 and given thereby certain responsibilities but not authority (as pointed out in the Dulles Report). Accordingly, <sup>coordination</sup> matters can be resolved only by mutual agreement, i.e. ~~watered-down versions~~ of "Directives", expensive duplication, ~~minimum change from established~~ ~~parochial agency interests to participation in national interests, etc.~~ (This study advocates throughout the "co-operative process" <sup>co-operation</sup> rather than coordination, which latter implies a certain amount of "direction". <sup>Many of the delays and difficulties in the future security field may be attributed to that point of view.</sup>

*Insert II in Operational* 2. This State-Defense Study proposes <sup>that the NSC</sup> to give both responsibility and authority to a new Committee composed of the various Directors of Intelligence, no longer an Intelligence Advisory Committee <sup>as approved</sup> by NSC50 and the Dulles Report) but rather a new National Intelligence Authority. CIA thus becomes just an additional intelligence agency and the DCI's responsibilities in this Study are limited to providing headquarters, staffs and facilities for the new Committee and to <sup>only</sup> the dissemination of the final Estimates and Studies <sup>only</sup>, prepared by the staffs responsible to the new Committee. The new committee is given the responsibility to initiate, approve, review, recommend and to be responsible collectively for Estimates <sup>Studies</sup>. <sup>It is believed the intent of Congress was to establish a Central Intelligence Group.</sup>

3. The new National Intelligence Group is called an "organic part of CIA", But this new <sup>additional</sup> 7th Office of CIA <sup>would be</sup> responsible to and works for the new Committee <sup>only</sup> through the DCI <sup>only</sup>. <sup>Its relationship to the new Committee would be similar to that of the former Central Intelligence Group to the former National Intelligence Authority before the establishment of the NSC Security Council.</sup>

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I indicate the references to "confusion in CIA". There undoubtedly is some in this agency, but there would be less if the Departments of State and Defense would reply in some manner to the CIA proposed plan on merging the Operating Offices submitted <sup>at</sup> Caracas to implement the mandatory instructions in Paragraph — of NSC 50 confirmed by Security Council action. The present proposal from the Depts of State and Defense seems to be based particularly on paragraph — of NSC 50, which gave the Director Central Intelligence the option on the organization for the production of Estimates.

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4. The missions of the Departmental Agencies <sup>would be</sup> are to support the new Committee, <sup>and its National Intelligence Group composed of</sup> its National Estimates Staff and its Current Intelligence Staff -- not to support <sup>a (not)</sup> CIA and the DCI -- and CIA is given a similar "mission".

5. It is thought that even the NSC cannot so distort the intent of Congress and the National Security Act of 1947 as amended.

If <sup>the NSC</sup> it wishes to have <sup>such</sup> a National Intelligence Authority in lieu of an <sup>Intelligence Advisory Committee</sup> CIA, or superimposed on a <sup>this Agency</sup> CIA, appropriate legislation should be

proposed. <sup>as I believe that, under existing legislation pertaining</sup>

to this Agency, the NSC does not have the authority to give ~~power~~ <sup>power</sup> to a Committee of Intelligence Directors and

to <sup>change</sup> ~~redefine~~ the responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence. <sup>such as your Study recommended</sup>

I should like to hear this matter clarified as I believe it would be of benefit to us all.

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